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VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : அப்படியானால் சொந்தமாகவே கறவை மாடுகள் வைத்திருப்பவர்கள் அவ்வாறு சொந்தமாக வைத் திருக்க அனுமதிக்கப்படுவார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : 4,000 மாடுகள் வைத்துக்கொள்வதற்குத்தான் இந்தத் திட்டம் போடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. சென்னை நகரிலுள்ள எல்லா மாடுகளையும் அங்கே வைத்துக்கொள்வதற் காக இந்தத் திட்டம் போடப்படவில்லை.

Examiners for S.S.L.C. Public Examination

* 67 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the procedure followed in the selection of Chief and Assistant Examiners for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to change the procedure?

3-10 p.m. THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) The rules regarding the selection of Examiners are confidential and as such Government consider that it will not be in public interest to furnish any information in this regard.

(b) No, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Can the Government make the rules of procedure now obtaining more broad-based so that those qualified hands as per the rules who have very little chances may be enabled to get chances?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Even if the rules are to be changed to make them more broad-based, I do not think I will be able to get that information.

Rise in prices of foodgrains

* 68 Q.—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent rise in prices of foodgrains has created a food problem in Government Poultry Research Station; and

(b) if so, whether any alternative food has been evolved and what it is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : இந்த பௌல்ட்ரி டெவலெப்மெண்ட் ஆபீஸர் ஸ்ரீ ராமனுதன் அவர்கள் சென்ற டிஸம்பர் 4-ம் தேதி ஒரு பத்திரிகை நிருபரிடம் கோழிகளுக்கு ஆகாரம் கொடுப்பதில், தான்யங் களின் விலைவாசி கூடியிருப்பதால், மலிவான ஆகாரம் கொடுப்பதற்கு ஐ.ஸி.ஏ.ஆர்.ம். மாநில சர்க்காரும் சேர்ந்து ஒரு ஜாயின்ட் கிராண்ட் கொடுக்கத் திட்டங்கள் வகுத்திருக்கிருர்கள் என்று சொல்லியிருக்கிருர் கள். அதற்காக என்ன நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுத்திருக்கிருர்கள், திட்டம் என்ன என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I only stated that there was no food problem for poultry. But I may add and give this information to the hon. Member.

The feeding of poultry costs about 60 per cent of the total cost of running a poultry farm. As animal proteins and vegetable proteins are usually expensive, a scheme has been started at the Poultry Research Station, Teynampet, with financial assistance from the Indian Council of Agricutural Restrch to investigate the nutritional value of poultry feed articles, particularly those of local importance. The object is to provide the farmers with formula for balanced mashes that can be easily preferred making use of the farm produce, industrial waste and foodstuffs either unsuitable or not required for human beings, available locally. The scheme contemplates experiments with various feeds to assess their nutritional values over a period of three years in the first instance. The scheme was started on 10th January 1958 and is in progress. The following feeding articles have been included in the preparation of mashes for feeding the experimental birds at present at the Poultry Research Station, Teynampet :—

Ragi, white cholam, cumbu, rice bran, penicillin myceilliam residue, tamarind seed, mango seed kernel, lucerne, berseem, sunhemp and mulberry leaf meal, groundnut-cake and fish meal.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture, though a perfect vegetarian, is so much interested in poultry development, that in the City of Madras, the public could have fowl, chicken and eggs at cheaper prices and in larger quantities?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is for the hon. Member to judge.

Repatriates from Malaya

* 69 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a large number of repatriates from Malaya have disembarked recently at Madras;

(*b*) if so, the number of such repatriates; and

(*c*) the measures taken to rehabilitate them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Nine hundred and eighty-one repatriates from Malaya disembarked in Madras on 15th November 1958. During the whole year 1958, 2,824 repatriates returned from Malaya.

(*c*) The Government have not received any representaton from the Malayan repatriates or reports from the Collectors indicating the need for their rehabilitation. The question does not, therefore, arise.